

November 11, 1969

Dear Harold,

Your mailing of 11/5 received.

You should have the entire 544 Camp file by now, but just in case I am enclosing a copy of Mitchell's letter. There were no markings on the pamphlet except the address, and (on p. 40) what appeared to be Quigley's initials, and the date 8/10/63.

I didn't think of this earlier, but there is one thing related to this which you may want to add to your suit. The details are all in the 544 Camp file, but in brief: one of the handbills in Exhibit D-25 has, on the back, "1 A 5," as well as 97-74, the file number of the DeBrueys report. Bill Turner told me that 1 A 5 denotes the fifth item in the "1 A" exhibit envelope for Oswald. Naturally, I asked the Justice Department for items 1 through 4. (Other literature? photos? receipts? who knows?) Despite a couple of reminders, I have gotten no reply at all! I haven't pressed it, because that request was something of a fishing expedition and I wasn't quite sure that I was entitled to them, interpreting the law strictly, and anyway they certainly aren't going to send me, say, a photo taken by DeBrueys of Oswald and X handing out literature. You may want to pursue this; I probably won't.

You may disagree, but I would think that you should provide as much information as you can about the items which you are suing for, to indicate that you have made reasonable attempts to locate them (without of course giving anything away). For example, your letter of 5/27/69, concerning a "recently declassified" FBI report mentioned in an Allen-Scott column, indicating that Oswald's letter to the Soviet Embassy had been intercepted. That may be a reference to item 69, 17H813, for which that is the logical interpretation. A similar reference, giving a Washington informant as a source, may have slipped into one of the early big CD's, such as 5, or one of the Washington CD's (e.g., 49). In any case, we are probably better equipped to locate such an item (or suggest where it might be) than the Archives staff. I suggest that your position in the suit will look better if you do as much of this as possible; Jim and I would of course be glad to help.

Separate comments on the Roman Detkov entry in LHO's notebook enclosed.

Is the addition to COUP really more than 666 pages (which is how much I could get copied for the \$20 it will cost you)? Uncollated offset printing is 20¢ plus 1¢ per copy for each page out here. How does that compare with your rates? Looking forward to reading this. Your note is unclear - should I send Gary the NCR copy or the Xerox you may send later?

As requested, I checked my 47 CD indexes for the various Hunts. Here are the pages I found, with the person ~~named~~ named, CE if published, "have" if I already have the page, etc.

CD 7, p. 481 (HL; withheld; also indexed to that page: Abe's Colony Club; Copley, James; Copley Press; Farrell, Russell Ross; Lifeline; Operation Abolition; Radford, Admiral; Walker, General Edwin A.; Badge No. 302)

7.701 (HL; CE 1814)	1107.584 (HL)
105.268 (L; CE 2400)	1306.103-4 (L, HL; CE 2888)
106.261 (L; CE 2270)	1306.105 (L, HL; have)
1066.303 (NB)	1513.2, 12 (HLH Products)
1066.307, 309 (NB; CE 1884)	1518.138-9 (HL; have p. 138)

The pages in CD 1513 are in a section on Photos of Ruby Property, according to the Table of Contents. There are also several other references in Sylvia's index.

What happened to 399?

On their refusal to photograph 399 on a scale for you: the AG's memo I sent you (blue pamphlet) indicates that the law was deliberately narrowed to cover "records" rather than "information" (pp. 23-24), so the law is not on your side here.

Interesting Post clipping about the Archives notifying researchers when items they have asked for are declassified. On May 13, 1968, I ordered a large batch of withheld CD's (the really juicy ones), indicating my understanding they would automatically be "made available" (sent was clearly implied) to me when they are declassified. They did not comment on or correct my remarks, and on 4/11/69 they^{did} send one of the items on the list (CD 1345). Perhaps you could get them in writing on this. I guess it would be reasonable if they did not send out such pages, as long as they tell us whenever anything is declassified (and send out lists.)

Your 11/4 to John: it is not that I am not interested in any more of the N.O. testimony; I wouldn't want to buy any more sight unseen, but I would like to know of and maybe read any new testimony.

Sylvia sent me the page from CD 5 on the non-arraignment of LHO. All of this CD might be worth rereading at the Archives. That was quite a goodie.

I can't say I am completely overjoyed at Garrison's election victory. One thing that really turned me off was an interview of Mort Sahl in the latest IA FreeP. On details, his disregard for just plain old factual accuracy matches Garrison's; his general attitude, apparently Garrison's also, is "we might not be perfect but we're the only investigators around." And still hints of big things to come. I would hope that JG would quit while he is not too far behind - unless he really has something in the way of evidence, which he has managed to keep hidden so far. I couldn't formulate a good nasty letter to write the FreeP; I would hope that you and/or Sylvia could do so.

I went ahead and wrote up the list of published CD's in vols. 16-21; copies enclosed. If anyone is tempted to order from the State Dept. files, check with me first. I think I understand their organization well enough to avoid ordering lots of duplicates and junk. It would be best if they could be examined in person, of course.

cc: GRS

Sincerely,

Paul

Roman Detkov - Entry in Oswald Notebook, Martello Slip

11/11/69
P.L. Hoch

Reference: HW memo of 10/31/69

The original Martello slip is reproduced in CE 1438. The relevant entry is transliterated as "Roman Detkov 20244217 (?)" With the aid of a dictionary, I determined that this is correct (except for the last 3 digits, which are not legible, and the last letter, perhaps) and also probably correct for the note-book entry, 16H50. (Oswald's handwriting and spelling was not much better in Russian than in English.)

The word that looks like "Pouch" in Martello's copy of the slip (CD 1553) is a natural mistranscription of "Roman." Too bad.

Roman Detkov sounds like a man's name, but it doesn't ring any bells. It should have been looked into by the CIA and perhaps reported in the (still-withheld) CD 321.

Incidentally, the "Gomam Demka (?)" given at 16H50 is not really an unreasonable guess. Russian letters are funny.

I think that 20244 is consistent with a Moscow phone number.

The Davison, Detkov, and Dmitrievna entries are all on the "D" page. Not very suspicious. The previous page is the back of the "C" page, a very reasonable place for the Max Clark entry, at least.

The top and bottom photos on 16H51 are obviously reversed.

Oswald seems to have used both "7" and "7"; looks okay to me.